

FISCAL NOTE

HB 521 - SB 754

February 17, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires passage of a vehicle safety inspection before renewal of a motor vehicle's registration in any county with a population of more than 800,000 according to the 1990 or any subsequent federal census (Shelby County). Specifies that the inspection include windshield wipers, headlights, tail lights, brake lights, tires and horn. Authorizes affected counties to collect a safety inspection fee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$500,000

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$500,000 Recurring
Exceeds \$100,000 One-Time**

Estimate assumes:

- affected local government will experience an increase in expenditures for the cost of developing and operating a safety inspection program. The cost of establishing such a program in Shelby County is estimated to be significant and is likely to include one-time expenditures to establish the program. Estimated expenditures are based on the experience of other states with similar programs.
- affected local government will contract for the actual inspections to be completed by private entities as is done in other states operating such programs and the local government will establish a fee to be charged by the contractors and will share in the fee for administrative expenses.
- affected local government will experience an increase in revenues from its share of the safety inspection fees collected.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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